

REMARKS

Claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 94, 96-98, 101-103, 106, 108, and 134-145 were previously pending in this Application before entrance of the present Amendment. Claims 1-17, 19, 23-25, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 39-41, 44, 45, 47, 49-62, 64-133, 139, 141, 143, and 145 are currently canceled. Claims 135-137, 140, 142, and 144 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner at this time. Claims 18, 34, 42, and 63 are currently amended as discussed with the Examiner. As a result, claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 134-138, 140, 142, and 144 are pending, and claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 134, and 138 are pending and under consideration by the Examiner in this case. No new matter has been added to the Application by this Amendment. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter canceled from these claims in a future application claiming priority to the present Application.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 29-32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 45-48, 63, 134 and 138 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of co-pending U.S. patent application, U.S.S.N. 11/884,153, filed September 23, 2008. The Examiner has also maintained the rejection of claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 29-32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 45-48, 63, 134, and 138 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2, 4, 5, and 7 of co-pending U.S. patent application, U.S.S.N. 10/595,792, filed November 12, 2004. Applicant submits that both of these applications were filed after the present one. Therefore, Applicant requests that the present Application be allowed to issue, and any double patenting issues will be dealt with in the later filed cases as necessary.

Applicant believes this Application is now in condition for allowance.

If additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. C1271.70018US01, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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